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At this moment, Mike O'Connor is on the second floor of the Student Center, AWOL, and is obviously going to be busted. The issues raised by his presence there are many and varied. However, it is perhaps more relevant that a feeling of anxiety, not understanding, and a lack of dialogue concerning the sanctuary issue could be more fulsomely described as an illusion. The暨 entire issue is not as important as the way in which it is constructed and the way in which it is interpreted by the administrators, the students, and the media. The sanctuary issue is, in this sense, a political issue, not a legal one. The sanctuary issue is, in this sense, a political issue.

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Political reaction to inscomm proposals

(Ed. note: In view of recent events at Inscomm, the political aspects of the issue are overruled by the human interest involved. The views expressed here are those of the views of various student leaders who have been associated with recent events in the inscomm)

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The present "inscomm" Institute Committee has opened a head of possibilities for establishing a truly responsive student government at MIT. The student body of the Institute Committee to act on the assumption that the student government requires massive renovation. Though some may argue that the fault lies with individuals, there is no way that this government can be overcome unless the students themselves make a commitment to their government.

Mike's, it appears, was faced with two choices when he made his decision to go AWOL in September. Either he could try to work within the system, or he could make his point in the way he did. Actually, this is a choice with no choice, because working within the system is a necessary task, as has been demonstrated in the past. It appears to us that Mike's choice was the only one possible, given the situation he found himself in. We can say this, that the student government and the forces which control the student body are not the people who control the Armed Forces. Here is what he was able to do, in the face of the forces which he has dealt with, that is, to make his point.

6. The student reaction to the scene has certainly been better than we would have expected. Perhaps this is a natural advantage of the location, as it is where the average student will probably be in touch with every few days. The general attitude of MIT students toward activities of this nature can be summed up as follows: "If it doesn't bother me, the hell with it." In this case, the student population is being bothered, simply by an act of obstruction.

The leading to several side effects. The students may be startled in its first stage, but probably will be rather upset. Judging from the response so far, however, it appears that when they are getting upset, they are also including the time to find out exactly what is going on and participate in some way.

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Two final comments on the situation. First of all, it appears to us that the sanctuary effort has gone far beyond that, and has become what Thing Smith called a community. This is certainly a good idea for the community spirit and teachergenres. The second point is that there has been virtually no coverage by the local press of this action. It seems to us that, when the "biggest war machine" in the college has an anti-war protest of this magnitude, and it gets played up on page 37 the next day, there is absolutely no need to panic about the values system in operation.

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